

# RISING ABOVE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



We are sad to report 2023 was another crisis filled year in Haiti. The unsafe conditions have forced elections to be canceled resulting in expired terms and an empty legislature. In February 2024, the term of Prime Minister Ariel Henry is set to expire. This ongoing turmoil has left a void filled by violence and gangs, resulting in a decimated economy.

In October 2023, the United Nations Security Council approved an international police mission for Haiti, and Kenyan forces were permitted to help. However, the Kenyan government is questioning compliance with their constitution, and no other action has been taken.

Food, water, and electricity continue to be scarce, but we are grateful to be able to say the children and staff at La Concorde have not suffered. They have regular meals, use of solar power, and access to clean water thanks to your generosity. It is with the solar power that we are able to continue using technology to remain in contact with our Haitian partners.

The School has remained open throughout 2023, and the value of education continues to be reinforced. We have added additional students this year whose tuition is supported by other non-profits. This model has helped La Concorde School become self-sustaining. Additionally, the LOVE Takes Flight program has thrived. They are preparing to become independent, productive Haitian citizens in the most challenging times.



La Concorde School Graduates 2023

The Medical clinic has also remained open despite most health clinics being forced to close. In 2003, we started weekly mentoring meetings with the clinic staff. This continuing education and support have enabled the clinic to care for more Haitians in the local community.

NGO work is very difficult with the gang control and violence- many have made the difficult decision to pull out of Haiti. LOVE Takes Root continues to stay. From our inception, we partnered with Haitian staff through a mentorship model rather than staffing an American as an in-country director. We have continued state-side with an all-volunteer staff who supports self-sustaining solutions with our Haitian partners. This model has allowed us to move forward and Rise Above, preparing the next generation to bring future stability to Haiti.

This is what RISING ABOVE means to LOVE Takes Root. Thank you to all our volunteers, supporters, sponsors, donors, and participants! Without you, this work would not be possible!



# rising above...

## 2023

### Financial Highlights

↑ **\$20K Expenses**  
increase due to cost of food

↑ **\$96K Income**  
increase driven by *Fund the Future* fundraiser

**\$405K vs \$402K**  
Income Expense

**5%**  
Administrative Cost



with the support of



## La Concorde Orphanage



**12** ages 0-10

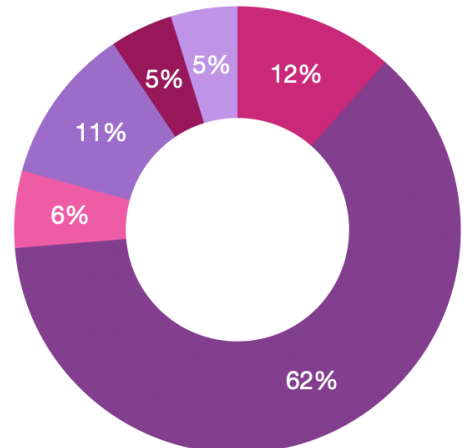
**28** ages 10-14

**13** ages 13+

**22** staff & team

increase in  
*Roots for a Child* to  
**\$60**

to sustain a child,  
it takes a total of  
**\$180**  
per child per month



● Food      ● Housing  
● Supplies      ● Education  
● Programs      ● Repair and Maintenance

## La Concorde School



enrollment



new students



meals through  
new partnership with  
*Feed My Starving Children*

**53** staff & team

# building a future

## Love Takes Flight

### education



1 graduating nursing school



1 medical school



7 vocational education or training

### employment



1 teacher



1 boy's dorm supervisor and teacher



1 assistant to director

## entrepreneurial businesses



8 tailoring, soap, detergent & perfume, t-shirt printing, chickens, people mover



application process



student check-ins



personal budgets



program schedule



speaker series



business budgets



10 coordinator & mentors

## Medical and Dental Clinic

684

patients



services

while the medical services in Haiti are largely unavailable, La Concorde continued services and welcomed a new nurse

Marie Annette



8 staff & team

## reflections

Celebrate a future together

Elisee & Junette



We invested in new Director housing on the property.

### Focus on well-being

Junette jumped right in and is leading our efforts on social/emotional wellness. An exciting new program will be launched this spring!

### Roots to grow

In partnership with Roro, teaching agronomy at La Concorde, kids planted a vegetable garden!



### Engage & inform

We strengthened our communication strategies.



120 social media posts

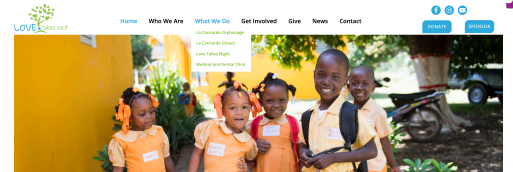
15 SEEDs emails

2 snail mail newsletter

1 sponsor booklet refresh

640 sponsor connections

## website redo underway



Love Takes Root

Our Mission In Haiti

The charitable, educational, and humanitarian support of children of the developing world for a sustainable future. Learn more about our project in Haiti.

# RISING ABOVE HIGHLIGHTS

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- LOVE Takes Flight program accepts 4 new candidates.
- LOVE Takes Flight launches new businesses.
- La Concorde Orphanage provides food for children in crisis after school.
- La Concorde School is open for learning all school year.
- La Concorde Orphanage adds 4 High School graduates in 2023.
- LTR Medical Clinic keeps doors open for patients.
- Partnering with Feed My Starving Children for food palettes.
- Director's house built on La Concorde grounds.
- Garden started as an after school program at the orphanage.

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